REMEDIATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR December 1, 2004

NRB SUBMITS FIRST PART OF DNR'S 2005-07 BUDGET PROPOSAL

The Natural Resources Board (NRB) has submitted the first part of DNR's biennial budget proposal to the Department of Administration. You can find in on the web at http://dnr.wi.gov/aboutdnr/pdf/05-07Budget DOA.pdf

Agency budget proposals include four parts: 1) spending and position requests, 2) statutory language changes, 3) revenue modifications and 4) spending and position reduction proposals. Only the first two portions have been completed. In the next few days the NRB will consider further budget items, including agency staff reductions.

DNR RECEIVES 76 SAG APPLICATIONS TOTALING \$3.1 MILLION

The RR Program has received 76 applications for the Brownfields Site Assessment Grant (SAG) Program. Applicants applied for \$3.1 million in funding for the current round of grants. However, only \$1.7 million is available for this fiscal year (2004-2005). Applicants requested \$1.55 million in small grants and \$1.58 million in large grants. Small grants range between \$2,000-\$30,000 and large grants range from \$30,001-\$100,000. This is the sixth round of SAG grants, created in 1998 by the State Legislature based upon recommendations from the Brownfields Study Group. The funding has helped communities begin investigation and cleanup activities at 742 acres in 103 communities across the state since 2000. These activities include 340 site assessments and investigations, the removal of nearly 200 underground storage tanks and the demolition of more than 240 structures and buildings. A list of applicants will be posted on the RR Program's SAG web site. For more information about SAG, please see http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/sag.htm, or contact Michael Prager at 608-261-4927, or michael.prager@dnr.state.wi.us.. We'll post the list of round six applicants shortly.

TIME AGAIN TO UPDATE OUR CONSULTANT LIST

Consultants may again update their information on our "Environmental Services Providers List" at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR024.pdf

This "name, address, phone and fax number" listing is intended to help responsible parties locate consultants that do environmental investigation and cleanup in different parts of Wisconsin. It is not an endorsement or certification of those on the list. Consultants who

need to add or amend a business entry on the list should contact Megan Clemens at Megan.Clemens@dnr.state.wi.us by **December 15**, 2004 to be included in the next version of this list.

WISCONSIN USES NEW MARKET TAX CREDITS

Several redevelopment projects in Wisconsin have already taken advantage of the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) Program, but \$80 million is still available and may be applied to brownfield redevelopment. NMTC is a national initiative to encourage business investment in low-to-moderate income communities. The NMTC is a 39% federal tax credit over seven years (5% first three years, 6% last four years). The credit can be used by any business that does 50% or more of its activities within a low-income census tract, a tract with a poverty rate of at least 20%, or with median income of up to 80% of the area or statewide median, whichever is greater. The credit can be used for equity or loan investments. You can learn more about NMTC on the Department of the Treasury web site at http://www.cdfifund.gov/programs/programs.asp?programID=5

The NMTC Program is administered in Wisconsin by the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Agency (WHEDA), which is co-sponsoring informational seminars. To learn more or to find out about attending a seminar, please contact Farshad Maltes of WHEDA at 608-267-4543, or at mailto:farshad.maltes@wheda.com.

EPA ANNOUNCES JOB TRAINING GRANTS

EPA is requesting proposals for brownfields job training grants. These grants are intended to help prepare trainees for future employment in the environmental field and to facilitate cleanup of brownfield properties. State and local government units, tribes, educational organizations and nonprofit organizations may apply. Applications are due **January 14, 2005**. For more information, please see EPA's guidelines at http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm#jt

You may also contact Joe Bruss, EPA at 202-566-2772 or at bruss.joseph@epa.com.

EPA LOOKING FOR SITE PROGRAM PROJECTS

EPA's Superfund Innovate Technology Evaluation (SITE) Program is looking for project sites with hazardous waste that are in need of full-scale demonstrations of innovative treatment technologies. Proposals are due **January 18, 2005**. SITE offers independent third party evaluation of innovative technology performance and cost. The site program is financially responsible for preliminary treatability studies, test plan preparation, sampling, sample and data analysis and report writing. The request for projects is directed to owners and managers of private sites or state and federal government agencies with financial or regulatory responsibility for on-site hazardous waste remediation. Copies of the solicitation and application are available http://www.epa.gov/ORD/SITE

For more information please contact Randy Parker, EPA, at parker.randy@epa.gov or at 513- 569-7271.

GROUNDWATER RESEARCH RESULTS AVAILABLE

Groundwater research papers provided through Wisconsin's Groundwater Coordinating Council are available on the web at http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/dwg/gw/research.htm Recently completed papers include:

- An Analysis of Arsenic Replacement Wells to Determine Validity of Current DNR Well Construction Guidance.
- Field and Laboratory Validation of Photoactivated Adsorption for Removal of Arsenic in Groundwaters,
- Nitrate Loading History, Fate, and Origin for Two Wisconsin Groundwater Basins,
- Importance of Disinfection on Arsenic Release from Wells,
- Evaluation of Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay for Analysis of Di Amino Atrazine in Wisconsin Groundwater in Comparison to Chromatography, and
- A Study of the Factors Affecting the Gross Alpha Measurement, and a Radiochemical Analysis of some Groundwater Samples from the State of Wisconsin Exhibiting an Elevated Gross Alpha Activity.

DNR is no longer able to provide financial support to research projects through the Groundwater Coordinating Council. For more information about groundwater research, please see the Water Resources Institute home page at http://www.wri.wisc.edu/